

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 03-08, filed 8/4/04, effective 9/4/04)

WAC 173-175-755 Periodic inspection fees. The department is required by RCW 90.03.470(8) to collect in advance a fee based on the actual cost, including the expense incident thereto, of the inspection of any dam to insure safety to life and property. Fee amounts contained in this section represent the department's true estimate of the cost of performing periodic dam safety inspections as described in WAC 173-175-705, and reflect the department's commitment to fully recover all eligible expenses.

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WAC 173-175-765 Periodic inspection fee schedule. (1) The inspection fee amounts are based on the downstream hazard classification of the dam, as determined by the department, and incorporate the fiscal growth factor calculated under chapter 43.135 RCW. The inspection fees for each five-year inspection are prorated on an annual basis.

(a) Equation 1 below is used to calculate the annual inspection fees.

$$\text{Annual Inspection Fee} = (\text{COST}_{\text{FGF}}) \div (\text{Cycle}) \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

Where:

(i) Cycle = number of years between inspections, with five years being the minimum.

(ii) FGF = an annual fiscal growth factor expressed as a percentage, as determined under chapter 43.135 RCW.

(iii) COST_{FGF} = cost of inspection in dollars including a fiscal growth factor. The cost is obtained by multiplying the inspection cost in the preceding year by the current year's fiscal growth factor as follows:

$$\text{COST}_{\text{FGF}} = \text{Previous year's cost} \times [1 + (\text{FGF})] \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

(b) For implementation of the fiscal growth factor, the base year for dam inspection fees will be fiscal year 2004, ending June 30, 2004. In the base year, the FGF will be zero.

(c) The cost for an inspection by the department in the base year will be as follows:

(i) \$3440.00 for dams with high downstream hazard classifications, with a prorated annual fee of \$688.00 for a five-year inspection cycle.

(ii) \$2500.00 for dams with significant downstream hazard classifications, with a prorated annual fee of \$500.00 if a five-year inspection cycle is implemented, or \$250.00 if a ten-year inspection cycle is implemented.

(2) **Exceptions to periodic inspection fee schedule.**

(a) For any hydraulic works less than ten years old, that the department examined and approved the construction plans and specifications as to its safety when required under RCW 90.03.350, there shall be no fee charged; or

(b) For any hydraulic works more than ten years old, but less than twenty years old, that the department examined and approved the construction plans and specifications as to its safety when required under RCW 90.03.350, the fee charged shall equal the fee for a significant hazard dam.

(3) **Inspection fee for impoundments with multiple dams.** For reservoirs or impoundments with a main dam and one or more saddle dams, a single annual inspection fee will be charged for the facility. The dam with the highest downstream hazard rating will be used for fee computation.

~~((+3+))~~ (4) **Inspection fee for multicell impoundments.** For multicell impoundments, such as wastewater lagoons, where two or more cells are located side-by-side or share a common embankment, a single annual inspection fee will be charged for the facility. The cell with the highest downstream hazard classification will be used for fee computation.

~~((+4+))~~ (5) **Inspection fee for nonroutine inspections.** For nonroutine inspections as described in WAC 173-175-725, no fees will be charged to the dam owner.

~~((+5+))~~ (6) **Inspection fee for inspections at public request.** For inspections done at public request, as described in WAC 173-175-735, no fees will be charged to the dam owner.